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A FATAL FIRE

Nineteen People Burned to Death and Forty Injured

IN EAST NEW YORK.

Many Acts of Bravery Performed by the Firemen and Others. Fire Chief Croker Asserts that the Police and Tenement House Department Are Liable.

In New York on Tuesday morning of last week before daylight nineteen persons were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the five story tenement house at 105 Allen street. unhurt. Several of those who perished were reasted to death in plain Coroner Goldenkrans declared after an investigation that he had reason to believe the blaze was the work of an incendiary. The fire started in the basement and spread with frightful rapidity to the roof. The victims were caught in traps of flames, the halls and exits being rendered impassable in a few minutes after the blaze

The tuilding was one of the usual escape law. The tenement house de-

Of the 19 dead, three bodies, those of a boy and two girls, remain uniden-tified. The (dentified deed grav. Ra The !dentified dead are: Rachael Solomor, 45 years; Jacob Solomon, 16; Isaac Solomon, 18; Jesse by learning the methods that have been found of the methods that have Wiener, 23; Sancer Wiener, 4; Sarah Kline, 60; Belia Zeidler, 30; Harry Zadler, 11; Ida Muskow.z, 10; Harry Kauffman, 10; Rose Mi ler, 4; Morris Milier, five months old. Crowded fire escapes in the rear of the tenement house were largely responsible for so many deaths and injuries among its

HEARTRENDING SCENES.

explode. He awcke his wife and both tried to put out the flaming lamp, "Among the most important of to rouse the sleeping people.

with startling rapicity and the occu- bulletin is to discuss the practical depants of the upper floors awoke to find talls which have been found necessary themselves confronted by a wall of and effective in promoting early maflames on nearly every side. Panic turity. stricken people rushed to the fire escapes only to find them littered with stating that most of what appears in rubbish. On some of the escapes the rubbish was so closely packed that it became impossible to pass certain points and men, women and children stood literally roasting to death as the description of literally roasting to death as the superince as a practical cotton planter, and the superadded results of literally roasting to death as the description of literally roasting to death as the superadded results of literal roasting to death as the superadded results of literal roasting to death as the superad the flames roared through the win experiment station. It was partly the ters. An official bulletin reports the dows around them. One of the escapes was manned by Policeman John ments to discover the conditions of hot pursuit of the retreating Rus J. Dwan, who had ran a plank across to the window of an acjoining build-fective in promoting early maturity sons, but finally fell 20 feet to the ties best suited for securing such early pavement and shattered his shoulder. maturity. Dezens of people were taken from the crowded fire escapes and upper win- the whole of the fifteen-year period and have failen back upon the dea furnace and the rescues were effect writer, as director of the station, and ed in n any cases only through heroic the practical details have been super-collected there were set on fire. A to in the resolution belonged to the Bonner, son of the former fire chief, Kimbrough, the agriculturist of the ing north of Tie pass. ascended the now red-hot fire escapes station." five times.

MANY HEROIC RESCUES.

Four times he brought down a wowas barely saved from death. by flames. She pleaded with him to it may be gained from the following destroyed. The fighting on Marcon have been and so in summary of recommendations:

14 and 15 fell to the second Siberia after her little brother who she said had fallen uncersel us. Bonner then early, b ginning with fall plowing. jumped into what looked like a furnace, found the boy and saved him.

Fireman Hanni, an repeated Bonner's feat on the third floor. Death freshly cleared soil, phosphoric acid needay night the Russian army aban extinct. Mrs. Meilard was in her 88th reaped a harvest quickly on the fire alone, in the form of acid phosphate. escapes. In the rear two men and may be applied. two women were descending, the men helping the women to remove heavy bed on them. Broadcasting is rarely, otstacles from the escapes. Suddenty if ever, expedient. flames darted from the third floor windows and the quartet fell and roasted to death. Another person on the beds, and as early as possible with clothes afire was following but Apply in the seed furrows 40 to 75 likewise sank in the flames. On top of one fire escape lay three bodies, Mrs. Solomon and her two sons, Isaac of nitrate of soda. and Jalob. They had been overcome by the fiames. Two others of the Solomon family were seer to look from the windows and then fall back shallow.

In the burning building.

The elder Solomon, the busband and father, was rescued. As the rescued recogn z d the charred bodies of their loved ones they wept and cried agonizingly. The streets were filled with half drested, weeping, searching people, imploring the rescue of those within the burning structure. When the tenants dashed for the roof, they found the door, which should have the appointment of C. W. Anderson, swung easily open, fastsned down. Unable to burst it open, and wedged bers were burned to death.

Democris Won. For the first time in fifty years the Democratic party elected their candidates for major on Monday in he bears an unsavory record. Ander- pursuers. A constant succession of section. The spiders are arranged in

THE BOLL WEEVIL

The Director of the Georgia Station Gives Some Points.

Cotton Growers North and East of Texas Urged to Prepare

A dispatch from Was ...igton to the THE JAPS REPULSED. Atlanta Journal says information regarded by officials as of great value to cotton growers is contained in an artiole prepared by Colonel R. J. Reiding, director of the Georgia experiment station, which is to be published in a few days as a special bulletin of the bureau of plant industry of the department of agriculture. be known as Farmers' Bulletin No 217. In his introduction Colonel Red,

ding says:
"In Farmers' Bulletin No. 189, issued in 1904, it was stated that the work of the bureau of entomology for More than 40 were injured and only a terminated,' and that the steady ex that the boll weevil will ever be ex few of the sleeping inmates escaped tension of the territory affected by the view of thousands in the streets. Center of cotton production in the It is possible that the attacking force United States, has convinced all ob distance of about 500 miles and will not appear to have renewed the frontkind would prevent or materially hin der this spread.'
"These conclusions," Colonel Red-

The fullding was one of the usual crowded tenements and the disaster was the worst in the history of the East Side. The district attorney's of fice has begun an investigation to fice has begun an investigation to place the blame for the great loss of life. Chief Croker of the fire department asserts that the police and the land the long that the police and the land in the older weevil-infested region of Texas. The matter is, therefore, flack, where Gen. Mistebenk, where ment asserts that the police and the tenement house departments are to not a local problem confined to Texas has taken command of his detachblame for the violations of the fire and nearby states, but affects the en

the blame is on the shoulders of the it is very probable that within ten or gained their normal spirits and fough fifteen years every portion of the cocotton growers northward and eastward of Texas to prepare for the worst been found effective in minifying the ravages of the weevil, and such other remedies or palliatives as may be developed meanwhile, and be prepared to apply them whenever it shall become neccessary. In view of the immense importance and value of the cotton crop, the subject has indeed bemany deaths and injuries among its population, which approached 200 come of national importance.
"The bulletin mentioned, however,

gives assurance that although the very The scenes were heartrending. The may no longer be possible, it is neverfire started in the basement occupied theless entirely feasible to produce by Isaac Davis, his wife and three cotton at a margin of profit that will When Davis reached his compare favorably with that involved home early Tuesday morning and in the production of most of the staple went into his store on the same floor crops of the United States by followhe saw a kerosene lamp in the rear ing what have become generally known

but without success. A policeman these methods are those directed towho heard the cry of alarm rushed to ward securing an early development the scene and every effort was made of the cotton plant and an early maturity of the largest possible propor Meantime the flames had spread tion of the crop, and the object of this

"The writer may be pardoned for ing. He rescued nearly a dozen per- for the crop and the particular varie-

'It may be well to state that during dows. By this time the building was the work has been supervised by the

man or a could in his arms. The fifth cultural succe sion, and in a manner covering their rear. There had been time he was descending with an un which is at once so complete and so fighting throughout the day. Before day. conscious woman, but staggered and clear as to furnish the maximum the witnerswal of the Russian forces Once amount of useful information. The the military settlement and such of Bonner rescu d a little girl from a whole of this discussion cannot be the stores of fuel and forage as could window where she stood surrounded given here, of course, but an idea of not be removed were set on fire and

1. Prepare the soil thoroughly and corps. 2. Fertilize liberally and judicious ly, carefully avoiding an exc ss of ni trogen. On rich, dark, alluvial and

3. Apply fertilizers in the drill and

Choose an early maturing and productive variety of cotton and plant plies of ammunition, and stores the productive variety of cotton and plant plies of ammunition, and stores the continuous and as early as possible, shattered condition of his army and pounds per acre of quickly available fertilizer, preferably 25 to 40 pounds 5. Reduce to a final stand as quick-

ly as possible. 6. Let cultivation be frequent and

7. Narrow rows with wide spacing of plants in the rows will result in a greater early yield than will wide rows

with close spacing. Don't Like It.

A fight which threatens to assume proportions of that waged against Roosevelt's Crum appointment is being made by local Republicans against and Yental mines gone, is a severe colored, collector of internal revenue and more supplies were sacrificed. for the second district of New York. The nomination was confirmed by the senate. Enemies of the negro Re- to accomplish the envelopment of the that a spider web factory is now in publican leaders are basing their op position to the selection on two contentions. One is along racial lines. the railway for a line of retreat, prob- of spider web intended for balloons the other embodies the charge that ably will be able to keep ahead of his for the French military aeronautic

TIE PASS LOST.

Japanese Are Pushing Russians Steadily On To Harbin.

His Masterly Retreat a Fertile and

Well Supplied Country Lies Before Gen. Kuropatkin, With Few

Defensible Positions in

Reach of His Army.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg says everal years has demonstrated that flanking tactics by the Japanese apthere is not even a remote probability parently are in progress again. The Associated Press correspondent, who remains at Tie pass telegraphs that we vil from year to year, until the Gen. Mistchenko on March 14 engaged northern boundary is far north of the a Japanese force on the Russian right. was a Japanese column which disaptributed all over the cotton belt. In peared from observation during the ten years it has gradually advanced a battle of Mukden. The Japane e do undoubtedly invade new territory at al attack up to noon Wednesday, the about the same rate. It is not at all demonstration on Tuesday having likely that legal restriction of any shown that the Russians were prepar ed to make a determined resistance.

A dispatch from Santoupu says a The Russians repulsed the has taken command of his detachment, though his wound has not yet healed, is holding the Japanese in The Russian troops have reeneerfully.

NEARLY STARVED. The office of the censor has already been removed to Santoupou, a point eight miles north of Tie pass and there are intimations that it may soon be established even farther north. The Associated Press correspondent though saying nothing regarding the commis sariat arrangement for the troops, de clares that the newspaper correspond. ents have practically been starved out of Tie pass. This may, perhaps, be an indication of the amount of food available for the army, immense quantitles of which were destroyed at Mukden, where practically the entire re-serve commissariat had been accumu

The office of the censor has been removed to Santoupu, eight miles north of Tie pass, as existence at Tie pass for civilians is almost impossible. Practically all the newspaper correspondents have left for Harbin. For several nights the Associated Press correspondent has slept without covering on the frosty ground and for two days he had nothing to eat. It is rudays he had nothing to eat. It is ru-mored that Chinese killed 80 foreigners J. D. Kelly, on Wentworth street, in Mukden after the Russian evacuation of that place. According to Chin ese reports the governor of Mukden to go to sleep in Mr. Kelly's bed gave a banquet in honor of the Japa n: se generals after their triumphal entry into the city.

JAPS AT TIE PASS.

sians, but it does not mention any particulars about the fight. The Russians have abandoned their advanced positions on the Fan river First Presbyterian church. The reswhere the desperate attack of the Japanese Wednesday was repulsed, and are signed by the secretary of and have fallen back upon the destate and the chairman of the comfenses at Tie pass. Previous to the mittee on military of the Maine gen-

RUSSIANS ARE PUZZLED. doned the last stronghold in south Kuropatkin in view of his scanty supwide enveloping mevements which feat at Mukden.

Nothing has been heard of the part which Gen Kawamura's army is rak ing in these operations, but Gens. Nogi and Oku, operating in the low that vicinity, which, with the Fushun blow. The railway shops at Tie pass

JAPS PASSING ON. The Japanese are doing their best

burg have but the hazlest ideas as to where the next stand will be made.

Apparently there are no more fortified positions in readiness and the re-

tirement probably will not stop short of Kirin or Kuanchentzy, on the rail way line; and if the Japanese press the pursuit the Russians may retire be-yond and up the Sungari river, there to await new levies, the mobilization of which will begin immediately in

A report received in Tokio March 14 from the Japanese headquarters in the field: "In the direction of Singking our forces have been dislodging the enemy from Yingpan, 18 miles east of Fushun, and on March 11 occupled that place."

WHAT KUROPATKIN SAYS. A St. Petersburg dispatch says the following dispatch has been received by Emperor Nicholas from Gen. Kuro-patkio, dated March 15: "The troops are traversing Tie pass in good order. I have inspected the fourteenth division of infantry. The men seemed in good spirits. "Up to the time of my departure

from Tie pass fighting had not commenced. During my progress northward I saw many troops and trains in g od order. I also inspected the regiments recently from Russia who presented an excellent appearance. I received no further reports of fighting after the repulse of the Jap-

nese at the Fan river. Individual soldiers and holies of men separated from their units have been rejoining heir commands during the previous two days. The train service is partly restored to order, the troops have been provisioned again and are ready for tighting." A dispatch from Harbin says large

numbers of Chinese bandits and Chinese troops are reported to be west of Tsitsibar, and an attack on the railway is appr hended. In spite of the neavy withd awals of convalescentand those who have been sent westward, this city is being filled to over flowing with wounded soldiers from A number of Chinese suspects have been arre-ted here.

News is expected of another great bittle at Tieling similar to the en gazement on the Shahke river, after ling is stronger than the one he held given his right flank by the inward sweep of the Liao river and the necessicy for the Japanese to cross the two rivers, Fan and Tohai, before they can begin the turning move On the other hand it is pointed out that O ama's force must outnumber the Russians two to one,

A Bold Thief. A dispatch from Charleston to The State says Magistrate Rcuse was called upon Wednesday to dispose of a vouthful negro burglar, Edward Singleton, which was settled, as far as he was concerned, by committing the boy for trial at the next term of the sessions court. Not content with but after helping himself to what he wanted, the negro had the audacity where he was found by the head of the house. Mr. Kelly applied a razor strap vigorously in awakening the boy, and when he was thoroughly awakened, Mr. Kelly turned him over

to a police officer, with the result just Thanks Miss Hubbard. A dispatch from Anderson says the

legislature of the State of Maine at warmly commending the services of Miss Lenora C. Hubbard of that city in caring for the graves of six federal oldiers buried in the cemetery of the olutio s are engressed on parchment desperate, bloody battle is now wag- federal garrison stationed at Anderson at the close of the war. Miss The Russian detachments at Tie Hubbard, who is a teacher in the city The steps necessary to secure early pass were, on March 15, ordered to schools, had been caring for the evacuate their positions, and during the natural order of the night retired in exemplary order, a long period, placing flowers upon the graves regularly on each memorial

Di. dat Dinner Table. A dispatch from H lly Hill to The State says Mrs. Mary A. Mellard, who was probably one of the oldest res idents of that county, died suddenly at her none in Bowyer a few days ago of heart failure. While sitting at the dinner table the end came and she A dispatch from St. Peterbury says fell to the flor. Medical aid was with the evacuation of Tie pass Wed- summened but life was pronounced ern Manchuria and definitely turned had been spent at the homs where over the section to the Japanese for sudded. For years she was a memthe campaign of 1905. At last no brof the Methodist church. Many other strategy is presible for Gen. of her family were present at the inof her family were present at the in-terment at the family burying ground. Springs and Dr Mellard of St. George, the Japanese have continued almost laid, a former State representative courts were unable to be present. L. C. Mei without a stop since the Russian de from Berkely county, is a son of Mrs.

Rele ves Kur paitn,

A dispoten from St. Petersburg says it is now definitely stated that hills of the Tle pass gorge, were them | E | peror Nichol's has approved the selves sufficient to turn the shattered decision of the council of war to send Russian army out of the fortifications Grund Duke Nicholas Nicholalevitch which had been prepared with a view to replace Gen. Kuropatkin as the to being held by the army after it bes in ans of putting a stop to the should has been withdrawn from intrigues and jealousies among gen-Mukden. The evacuation of Tie pass crais of the army both at St. Petersinvoives the loss of the coal mines in bury and at the front. Gen. Soukhomlinoff will be chief of staff.

Spider Web Rope,

Ten years ago a French missionary started the systematic rearing of two kinds of splders for their web, and The Board of Trade Journal states dates for major on Monday in the bears an unsavory record. Another Augusta, Biddeford, Belfast and Son, at present, is spending his time delaying rearguard encounters may be expected. Military men at St. Peters. which the threads are wound.

SOCIAL STATUS

Of the Races Legally Considered by the Supreme Court.

A LIBEL DECISION.

Defamatory to Publish a White Man as a Negro. Amendments to Constitution Have No

> Effect in Regard to Social Relations.

The Columbia Record says a very nteresting and important decision was rendered by the supreme court Wednesday morning. It is decided that for a newspaper to publish that a white man is a ne. i.) is defamatory to the white man, and the newspaper making the publicati n is liable to a suit for damages. The case was that of an appeal on the part of Mr. Augustus M. Flood, of Charleston, a libel suit having been instituted by him against The News and Courier and The Evening Post, of Charleston, for damages in the sum of \$10 000 because he was referred to as being a negro.
The case is stated as follows: Mr.

Flood is a white man and a citizen of Charleston, where, it was alleged, he always enjoyed the respect and confi dence of his fellow citiz ns, the same naving been of value in his business and a source of pride and pleasure to nim in his social life. The complaint further alleges that the News and Courier and The Evening P st pub lisned local items in regard to a suit entered against the Charleston elecric street railway by Mr. Flood for damages for injuries and referred to him as a colored man. By reason of being published as being a negro, Mr. Flood claimed that the statement tended to exclude him from society the fall of Lao Yang. Many experts and by reason of "said false and defa-believe Kuropatkin's position at Tie-matory publication this plaint iff has matory publication this plaintiff has been injured in his reputation and at Mukden, owing to the protection hurt in his feelings to his damage

\$10,000." In answer to the complaint it was denied that the publication was de-famatory or that any legal damage was suffered therefrom, it being claimed that under the provisions of XIII, XIV and XV amendments to the constitution of the United States and if the Japanese can overcome the and of the provisions of the constitu-

by the presiding judge, an appeal was taken on the grounds that the judge erred in holding that the application 'negro" or its equivalent, "colored," when applied to a white man is not libelous per se. That the law in this state, before the adoption of the XIIJ XIV and XV amendments to the constitution of the United States was exclude him from society. His honor or the agent to sell it. erred in holding that this had been "There will be no changed and that the negro's social amendments, , whereas it is shbmitted that only the negro's legal and political status has been affected thereby.

The supreme court says. "The only question presented by this appeal is, Is it libelous perse to publish a white man as a negro?" To call a while man a negro affects the social status its recent session passed resolutions of any white man so referred to. Authorities are quoted on this point and the court continues: "Wnen stop to think of the racial distinction subsisting between the white man and the black man, it must be apparent that to impute the condition of a ne gro to a white man would affect his, the white man's, social status, and in case any one published a white man to be a negro, it would not only be galling to his pride, but would tend to in erfere seriously with the social relation of the white man with his fellow white men; and to protect the white man from such publication it is necessary to bring such a charge to an

issue quickly." In Strauder vs. West Virginia, the court held that these amendmen s, XIII, XIV and XV, were designed t accord members of the negro face the same protection in life, liberty and property which was aiready cui year the court in that cale refer to the s association of the two races, in such a way it excludes the negro from ately. white society an i vice versa. misc gouation statutes, the inter-marriage of the two races is foroideen and made a crime Railroads are re quired to furnish separate coach s for the two races. White children and colored children are forbid en to attend the same school. Various opto ions are quoted to sho v toat publishing a write man as a negro ha-be n held to be libelous by various

The court then quotes the language stitution of the United States referred to and argues that it must be ap parent from consulting the texts that there is not the slightest reference to the social condition of the two races 'All take pleasure," it is stated in the opinion, "in bowing to the authority of the United States in regard to these amendments, but we would be very far from admitting that the social distinction substitting between the two races has been in any wise 26, affected." In concluding the court

'We, therefore, hold that these three amendments to the federal constitution have not destroyed the law of this state, which makes the publication of a white man as a negro anything but libel. The judgment of this court is that the judgment of the circuit court be reversed when it sustained the demurrer in this case and the action is remanded to the circuit court for such other proceedings as may be in accordance with law.'

COTTON HOLDING

Company Organized at New Orleans, La , Last Week.

Officers Elected and Plans Perfected to Take Two Million Bales Off the Market.

The Atlanta Journal says John D. Walker, secretary and treasurer of the Southern Bankers' executive committee and treasurer of the Georgia division of the Southern Cotton associa tion, has returned from New Orleans, where the organization of the Plant-ers' Cotton Holding and Commission company was perfected, officers elected and plans made for at the proper time retiring two million bales of cotton from the market until October.

The following officers were elected: W. P. Brown, of New Orleans, fourth largest colton exporter in the world, president; E. S. Peters, second vice president; A. Brittan, third vice presdent; S. P. Walmsley, fourth vice president. The secretary and treasurer will be named at a meeting of the directors in New Orleans on the first

Monday in April. The following were elected directors in the Planters' Cotton Holding and Commission company and subscribed for the \$3,000 worth of stock necessary to secure a charter: Alabama-H. Y. Brooke, A. M. Hill, L. B. Farley.

Georgia—Harvie Jordan, Hoke Smith, John D. Walker, M. C. Gay. Louisiana—W. P. Brown, W. L. Fester, A. Brittan, S. P. Walmsley, Mississippi-Walter Clarke, S. P. With repoon, Jacob Bernheimer.

North Carolina-J. A. Brown, J. P. South Carolina-E. D. Smith, W.

Teuness e-W. T. Bowdre. Texas-J F. Hickey, J. S. Davis, R. R. Dancey, E. S. Peters, F. M. Oklahoma-L. B. Irwin.

Indian Territory-G. W. York. Arkansas-Dr. L. E. Love, J. J. The following executive committee was appointed: W. P. Brown, A. Britten, S. P. Walmsley, W. L. Foster, Harvie Jordan, John D. Walker,

S. Peters. This executive committee will dirct the company and have active charge of the cotton holding move- irg counties and parishes and have

The meeting in New Orleans, which was held Friday and Saturday was an civil sub division. This information enthusiastic one and the greatest faith as it is gathered will be submitted to and if the Japanese can overcome the difficulties of crossing the rivers, they have a better chance of surrounding Kuropatkin and compelling him to sure the than it any time since the war began.

and if the Japanese can overcome the difficulties of crossing the rivers, they have a better chance of surrounding tion of South Carolina, the use of the is expressed in the ability of the company to accomplish the ends for which any time since the surrounding tion of South Carolina, the use of the is expressed in the ability of the company to accomplish the ends for which are the constitution of South Carolina, the use of the is expressed in the ability of the company to accomplish the ends for which is was organized. Mr. Walker who attended the meeting, speaks interestingly of the organization.

The company will not begin oper ating," said he, until \$100,000 has been paid in. Ten million dollars worth of stock will be sold at \$1 a share and the directors are confident that there will be no trouble in selling this stock. The stock is to be offered to the states in proportion to the amount of cotton raised by them. The banks will be made the trustees for that the term "negro" or "colored," when applied to a white person, was libelous per se, in that it tended to president of the local organization will

There will be no effort made take cotton off of the market in any status has been changed by said great quantity until May the first. By that time the farmers will have demonstrated whether they are cutting down the acreage. If the acreage is cut down, as agreed then two militon bales will immediately be taken off of he market. If the cotton were taken off the market now and the price run up there would be danger of the acreage not being reduced."

Mr. Walker also calls attention to the fact that the Planters Cotton Holding and Commission company is the only organization of its kind which has the backing of the Southern Cotton association.

A Fatal Fight. As the result of a quarrel, Eari Carpenter shot and killed A. M. Kale street, and when the officers arrived on. Before the fatal bullet was filed, Kule shot Carpenter, who is in whith his head reating against a tele an u. conscious consition and is ex phone p.st. There was a large knot pected to die. Kale was the superin tendent of the Nims Manufacturing about 35 years old. Carpenter is a son pur-e, the papers and receipts were Hardin cotton mil, and is about 21 mave be n working on the case; but they had stopped on the side of the years of age The two men quarreled so far; there have been no developover the employment of mill neip, and ments when they met in the public road near Hardin a fight ensued. Bota men were by the white race, and no shere does well known colizers of Gaston county After Kile fired his revolver he was cial relations of each race. The sh t several times by Carpenter, the statute laws of this state forcids the bullers taking effect in the head and other places. Death resulted immedi-

Castro Is Hostile. Castro, the president of Venezuela, ants to punish the United States. His attitude is reflected in a pampoles just issued through one of his civisers, Col. Juan Bautistia Damede, public to avenge the insults offered Ven zuela by the Americans and declares that the invasion of the Missisof the three amen ments to the con- sippi valley would be the most effective means of curbing the power of the United States.

A Severe Storm.

A storm of hurricane force burst over the Irish and English coasts during Wednesday night, and it is feared that many disasters have occurred. T legraph lines are broken at many The British ship Khyber, from Melbourne, Australia, October for Qu enstown, was totally wrecked off the Cornish coast. Twenty three of her c.ew were drowned, and three saved. Numbers of miner wrecks, accompanied by loss of life, are reported.

Chicco a Sympton.

The Greenville News says "the announcement that Vincent Chicco, the Itian blind tiger king of Charleston, is actually a candidate for the state legislature to fill a vacaccy in the deligation is astonishing, because it shows the character of that new element which is seeking political glory.'

deligation is astonishing, because it in restoring fourfold. The money was deposited to the credit of the multiple of \$2,500,000, in addition to an annual income of \$50,000, in the course of \$50,000, in the course

COTTON R. 'ORTS.

The Southern Cotton Association

Will Issue Them in Future.

Absolute correct statistics of the cotton crop will be one of the main features of work to be done by the Southern Cotton association. Reports will be issued through the press of the country every ten days teiling of the conditions of the crop, the number of bales gioned and general crop conditions. The association will have reports of its own, and will not de-pend on the bearish reports of the government. President Harvie Jordan has written an article on the sub ject of statistics which will be read with great interest: Mr. Jordan -ays: 'One of the most important and valuable features in connection with the work of the Southern Cotton association will be its ability and op cortunity to gather correct statistics with reference to the oction crop of president; Harvie Jordan, first vice the South. Since the wide agitation of the cotton question during the last three months through the general press of the country and the opportunities of the farmers to get information quickly through the establishof rural delivery routes, and ment alco, their growing interest in secur-ing information, it is highly important they be placed in possession of all the information possible which re-lates to the handling of the great staple crop in which they are so deeply interested as producers. At the present time there is a widespread and general demard for some definite information in cotton acreage and use of commercial fertil zer, the detailed plans of retir ing the 2,000,000 bales surplus and also the extent of and the present temper of the farmers to continue to hold their cotton for better prices The farmers in North Carolina, fo instance, desire to know the exact ndition of affairs in Texas, and the Texas farmers wish to be informed as to what is being done in Georgia and the Carolinas. All of this information cannot only be gathered through the Suthern Cotton a sociation and Mukden. Kuropatkin will return to distributed for the beneut of the St. Petersburg forthwith. The task farmers and business men of the South, but steps are already being actively taken to get up these sta stistics in the near future for general distribution. The state presidents and secretaries of the various state divisions have been requested to get in close touch with the presidents and

out all the cotton states and territo-

secretaries of the various cotton grow-

this detailed information gathered

through the chairman of the various

the secretaries of the counties or par-

ishes and will be by them compiled

ries, the state secretaries in turn will

orward the information to the secre-

tary of the Southern Cotton associa-

tion, where a general and condensed

compilation will be made of such sta

tistics and prepared in proper form

to be mailed to the members of the

Southern Cotton association through

and forwarded to the state secreta

agging of Mr. W. L. Gowan and the rifling of his pockets of \$15 by an unknown theif Wednesday night about 8.30 o'clock on north Liberty streat.

It has been decided to form the 8.30 o'clock on north Liberty street, about a block from east Main. Mr. new armics largely of regular units Gowan had started home from his leaving reserves to replace the regugreen grocery, 61 east Main street, for lars in garrison duty at home. A dithe night, carrying in his large leath. vison of the imperial guard will be er purse three five dollar bills, along sent to the front. Some of this year's with some express receipts and other conscript may be sent as a separate with some express receipts and other papers He passed a pedestrian, a tali army to be organzied under Gens. man enveloped in a long black over coat, who appeared in the act of tying his shoestring. Just as he waiked accompanied by widespread disorders by Mr. Gowan received a blow in the back of the head, which felled him of popular representation under the and rendered him unconscious, during which time the highwayman through" his pockets. A little negro boy reported to the police that a man was lying dead on north Liberty Hardin, N. C., Wednesday after Mr. Gowan had regained consciousness, and was lying on the sidewalk raised on his head, alout the base of

Wrecked Near -partabburg. Passenger train N :. 10, bound for Co umbia from Ash vi le, was wrecked two and a half miles from Spartanburg, a short distance from the juiccion, Friday night. Fireman Caunon was slightly bruised up, the remainder of the train crew and the passengets escaped with a considerable jar. The locomotive was turned over and the tender blocks the main line. The mail coach jumped the track, but the other coaches are standing on the iron rails. The accident was caused fell into a vat of boiling water at in worken plans for senering 30,000 by the Iccomotive splitting the the Charleston Basket and Veneer Ven zuelan, against New Orieans are switch. At the time the train was Manufacturing Company's factory and di c osed. The pampulet urges the slowly speeding along, approaching was scalded so badly that he died Frithe first of a series of switches on the day night in the hospital from the A sheville road leading into the junc- effects of his injuries. Brown was tion. Engineer Love jumped and engaged in getting out one of the logs escaped uncertened. In jumping Fire | which are kept in a vatoutside of the man Cannon sustained some painful factory to be softened by the boiling scratches and and bruises.

St. Catherine's Lighthouse, on the south coast of the isle of Wight, has just been provided with a new light thickly massed logs in the vat, which of 15,000,000 canale power as against 3,000,000 obtained with the old apparatus. Seen from the land there are three distinct beams of light revolving in view, one just on the point of disappearing behind the "blank" or association is making speeches in Alashield, while the others past rapidly bama in the interest of reduction of over the waters of the English chan-

On Tuesday Secretary of the Treasury Shaw received \$12,000 in currency from an unknown conscience stricken

A NEW CHIEF.

Linevitch Relieves Kuropatkin of Command of Army.

HE WAS TOO SLOW.

New Armies Will be Raised and Efforts

In the Field to Meet and Overcome the Japanese Armies Under Oyama.

Will be Made to Put Effective Force:

A dispatch from St. Petersburg says with the Japanese hanging on the heels and flanks of the remnants of the broken, defeated hussian army Gen. Kuropatkin, the idol of the pri vate soldier, has been dismissed and disgraced and Gen. Linevitch, commander of the First army, appointed to succeed him in command of all the Russian land and sea forces operating against the Japanese. The word disgrace, written in large letters in a laconic imperial order, which is gazetted and which contained not a single word of praise, disposes of the runor that Kuropatkin asked to be re-

lieved. Russian military annals contain no more bitter imperial rebuke. Emperor Nicholas upon the advice of Gen. Dragonmiroff and War Minister Sakparoff, determined the step necessary when it became apparent Wednesday that Kuropatkin, while concentrating for a stand at Tie Pass, seemed una-ware that the Japanese had worked around Westward again and allowed himself to be surprised. Old reports brought by Gen. Gripenberg, regardng Kuropatkin's failing mentally, also had influence.

Linevitch has been able to bring off his army in order after the battle of confined to Linevitch of withdrawing the remnant of the army of 350,000 to Harbin is desperate. He is hemmed in all sides, Gen. Kawamura is presumably pressing northward through the mountains eastward ready to sweep down, and Gens. Nogi and Oku are on the west of the Russian forces, while the railroad is threatened if not already out and Chinese bandits are reported in rear of Harbin. The con-summation of the Mukden disas-

ter is feared. It is feared the decimated battallions have again been thrown into confusion by Oyama's relentless and almost merciless pursuit. war office fears that more of the siege and field guns which Kuropatkin saved at Mukden have been sacrificed n the flight from Tie Pass. The Russians were compelled to burn further stores at Tie Pass and the commissariat was only beginning to feed the half famished troops when a new

retreat was ordered. In the face of the possibility of the complete loss of the army and the ad-A special from Spartanburg to The mitted fact that Vladivostok is al-State says the most daring robbery ready possibly lost, preparations for recorded in the city's history was the continuing the war on a larger scale nan ever are proce

It has been decided to form the new armies largely of regular units Grodekoff, Gripenberg and Kamaroff. General mobilization is likely to be unless the composition and function imperial rescript are more satisfactory than now appears probable. The Emperor twice postponed action on Governor General Bouligan's recom-

mendations. Killed white Humang.

A dispatch from Greenville to The State says Dudley Hunter, aged 14 years, snot and instantly killed his young friend, Patrick Davis, Friday morning in Glassy Mountain townthe brain; but he was not sectously ship. The killing is said to have bean company at Mount Holly and was injured. Further down the street the purely accidental. The two boys of O. D. Carpenter, the owner of the found, Scattered about. The police ather and another young man and were out hunting with young Davis' r ad for a short rest. When they started ag in young Hunter picked up his gun and in some way the hammer was caught and the gun was discharged, the whole charge of small bird shot entering Davis' head. Death was instantane us Hunter immediately telephoned Sheriff Gilreath, who deputized .J. C. Fisher of that place to bring the young man to Greenville. Hunter is held there awaiting the verdict of the coroners's jury.

> Scalded to Death. The Charleston Post says a colored man by the name of Norman Brown water for use, when he slipped on the vat, lost his balance and fell side wise into the scalding water. The fact that he was not killed at once was made possible by the presence of the

> is about fifteen by twenty feet in area. They Will Reduce. E. D. Smith of South Carolina, financial agent of the Cotton Growers acreage. He says reports from Texas and Indian Territory indicate that

> the reduction will be more than 25 per cent.

The Marquis of Angelsy of Bangor, person, who wrose that years ago he Wales, died at Monte Carlo on Tuesdefrauded the government and w.s day. He was a young min, remark-

A Spendthrift.